### COMMONGROUND



ND TRIBAL 121 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROJECTS
AND ND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES

YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM THE

# "BEST OF BOTH WORLDS"

service and expertise by seeking services from North Dakota's Tribal 121 Vocational Rehabilitation projects and North Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation (NDVR).

We collaborate in the provision of services to eligible American Indian participants. Our working partnership is built on honor, trust and respect for one another. This is reflected in our common purpose: "To empower individuals with disabilities to maximize employment, economic self-sufficiency, independence, and inclusion and integration into society."

As an individual with a disability, you benefit from this common ground. By opening a case with both agencies, you increase your opportunity for success because of the support of a broader range of professionals, both traditional and alternative, each with unique talents and experience to help.

The Tribal 121 Projects offer a greater understanding of the local, cultural, and familial needs on the Indian Nations.

NDVR offers a broad understanding of the business and college environment of the native lands.

Together, we seek to bridge cultural traditions and values to expand opportunities of employment and self-support.

#### WE SHARE A PHILOSOPHY OF:

- Respect for individual dignity, personal responsibility, self-determination, and the pursuit of meaningful careers.
- Respect for the privacy, rights, and equal access of the individual.
- Inclusion, integration, and full participation of the individual.
- Support for the involvement of an individual's representative if requested, desired or needed.
- Support for individual advocacy, systemic advocacy and community involvement.





## So why is it important for you to open a dual case?

The Tribal 121 Projects and NDVR share compatible core services like:

- An assessment for determining eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs.
- Counseling and guidance, including information and support services to assist an individual in exercising informed choice.
- Referral and other services to secure needed services from other agencies.
- Job-related services, including job search and placement assistance, job retention services, follow-up services.

You benefit from these compatible core services!

## There are four common eligibility criteria questions shared by both of our programs:

- ① Does the applicant have a physical or mental impairment?
- (2) Is the physical or mental impairment an impediment to employment?
- (3) Is there a reasonable expectation that the applicant will benefit in terms of an employment outcome from VR services?
- (4) Does the applicant require VR services in order to achieve a successful employment outcome?

By asking the same questions, we can determine your eligibility faster, which opens the door to the services you may need.

To receive services from your Tribal 121 Project, you must have an official tribal enrollment and you must live on or near a tribal reservation.



## If you are an eligible individual, we will work with you to develop a plan of action!

We assist you in creating an Individualized Plan for Employment, or IPE. This is a plan of services to help you reach your employment goal.

#### AS PART OF THIS PROCESS, WE:

- Provide for the IPE to be developed in partnership with you.
- Provide you with the opportunity to exercise informed choice.
- Have you approve the IPE with a signature.
- Give full consideration of comparable services and similar benefits.
- Provide a substantial service according to an IPE and wait at least 90 days after you begin working before closing your case.
- Make post-employment services available to you, if they are needed.

## Together, we can plan and work for success!

It is because of our COMMON**GROUND** that you have a greater chance to succeed.

Both the Tribal 121 Projects and North Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation encourage you to open a dual case.

Working Together, We Can Improve Your Opportunities



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